

SEARCH METHOD AND SYSTEM AND SYSTEMS USING THE SAME**Abstract of the Disclosure**

Information regarding the structure of information in a content database is
5 maintained in a structure database. The structure database is used to correlate the data
structure of a query to the structure of the content database, in order to determine that
information in the content database which needs to be provided to a searcher in response
to the query. In one embodiment, this search method is used in an online forum, and the
forum maintains a reputation score for users with respect to given subject matter. The
10 reputation score is dependent upon the quality of a user's participation in the forum. A
user's reputation score depends upon the evaluation by others of information he posts and
upon the user evaluating information posted by others.

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